

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY MANAMA BAHRAIN

TO SECSTATE WASHINGTON DC PRIORITY 1592

INFO AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

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E.O. 11652 : N/A

TAGS : BEXP, BA

SUBJECT : AMERICAN EFFORTS TO COMPETE FOR SUPPLY  
OF CEMENT TO GULF.

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1. BAHRAIN'S IMPORTS OF CEMENT FOR 1973 WERE 72,000 METRIC TONS AND ARE EXPECTED TO BE NEAR 100,000 TONS FOR 1974; THIS STILL INADEQUATE TO MEET BAHRAIN'S NEEDS. ONE SPACE AT PORT OF MINA SULMAN IS ALMOST CONSTANTLY OCCUPIED BY VESSEL UNLOADING BAGGED CEMENT. BAHRAIN AND SAUDI ARABIA HAVE REPORTEDLY CONCLUDED AN AGREEMENT FOR A JOINT VENTURE TO PRODUCE CEMENT IN EASTERN PROVINCE OF S.A.

2. PROPOSAL FOR PORT EXPANSION, WHICH WE EXPECT TO BE APPROVED IN NEXT FEW WEEKS, DOES NOT INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR BULK HANDLING FACILITY AS PART OF GOB PORT PROJECT. WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT PRIVATE INTEREST IN CONSTRUCTING A BULK FACILITY AS ADJUNCT TO EXPANDED PORT WOULD BE WELCOME. EMBASSY FEELS THAT POSSIBILITY IS WORTH EXPLORATION BY U.S. GROUP.  
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